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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/50/623 and Corr.1)]

50/123. International migration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo, in particular, chapter X on international migration, 1/

Recalling also the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development 2/ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development 3/ and in the Platform for Action 4/ adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Recalling further its resolution 49/127 of 19 December 1994 and Economic and Social Council decision 1995/313 of 27 July 1995,

Recognizing the importance from an analytical and operational point of view of identifying the existing linkages among the social, economic, political and cultural factors related to international migration and development, and of taking appropriate steps to intensify the analysis of issues involved,

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1/ See Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (A/CONF.171/13/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

2/ A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

3/ Ibid., annex II.

4/ A/CONF.177/20 and Add.1, chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

Recognizing also the important role of the United Nations Population Fund as the lead agency of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at Cairo,

Recalling that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should carry out their respective responsibilities, as entrusted to them in the Charter of the United Nations, in the formulation of policies and the provision of guidance to and coordination of United Nations activities in the field of population and development,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in the context of its role under the Charter vis-à-vis the General Assembly and in accordance with Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1994, should assist the Assembly in promoting an integrated approach to the implementation of the Programme of Action in providing system-wide coordination and guidance in monitoring the implementation,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, 5/ including the comments of Governments regarding the objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

2. Urges Member States and the United Nations system to strengthen international cooperation in the area of international migration and development in order to address the root causes of migration, especially those related to poverty, and to maximize the benefits of international migration to those concerned and increase the likelihood that international migration has positive consequences for the sustainable development of both sending and receiving countries;

3. Calls upon the international community to seek to make the option of remaining in one's country viable for all people; to that end, efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development, ensuring a better economic balance between developed and developing countries, should be strengthened;

4. Invites the Commission on Population and Development to consider, in 1997, in the context of the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in particular chapter X, the interrelationship between international migration and development;

5. Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations to address the issue of international migration and development, and invites them to submit their views to the Secretary-General;

6. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider at its organizational session for 1997 including "International migration and development" as a theme in the context of its agenda for 1997;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to designate, within existing resources, a clearly identifiable, qualified and competent focal point and to prepare, following consultations with the International Organization for Migration and the International Labour Organization and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system and after soliciting the additional views of Governments, a report to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session containing concrete proposals on ways and means to

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address, from cross-sectoral, interregional, regional and subregional points of view, the issue of international migration and development, including aspects related to objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development".

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